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FM AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 4672

INFO AMEMBASSY PRETORIA IMMEDIATE

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C O N F I D E N T I A L CAPE TOWN 0600

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E.O.11652: GDS

TAGS: MARR, XO

SUBJECT: DIEGO GARCIA

REFERENCE: STATE 123690 (REPEATED CAPE TOWN AS PRETORIA 1927)

1. TO OUR KNOWLEDGE SAG HAS TAKEN NO OFFICIAL PUBLIC POSITION ON USG'S DIEGO GARCIA PROPOSAL, ALTHOUGH SAG'S GENERAL STANCE ON INDIAN OCEAN STRATEGIC MATTERS INVARIABLY SUPPORTS STRONGER WESTERN PRESENCE THERE. PRESS AND PRIVATE COMMENTS IN PAST HAVE CONSISTENTLY WELCOMED, EVEN URGED, GREATER AMERICAN INVOLVEMENT. SITUATION THUS REMAINS ESSENTIALLY UNCHANGED FROM THAT ANALYZED IN PRETORIA 2071 OF MAY 15, 1974.

2. SAG'S SUPPORT OF STRONG WESTERN PRESENCE IN INDIAN OCEAN IS CLOSELY LINKED WITH ITS DESIRE FOR GREATER WESTERN RECOGNITION OF SOUTH AFRICA'S OWN STRATEGIC SIGNIFICANCE IN RELATION TO THE CAPE SEA ROUTE AND SAG'S WISH FOR DIRECT WESTERN SUPPORT OF ITS OWN DEFENSE FORCES, AS CONTRASTED WITH US AND UN ARMS EMBARGO. THEREFORE, AS DEPT KNOWS, THERE ARE OBVIOUS DRAWBACKS IN MAKING  
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ANY PUBLIC REFERENCE TO SAG'S PROBABLY FAVORABLY ATTITUDE TOWARD

USG USE OF DIEGO GARCIA, AS THIS WOULD ONLY SERVE TO INCREASE  
OPPOSITION FROM AFRICAN AND OTHER INDIAN OCEAN POWERS,  
SOME OF WHOM MIGHT SEEK TO DISTORT USG MOTIVES BY SUGGESTING  
A US DESIRE TO SUPPORT WHITE SOUTH AFRICA.  
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